

Paroda Ann (Barrier) Rainwater, age 81, passed away on September 30, 2025, at her home in Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

Paddy was born to parents Oliver Max Barrier and Helen Rose (Hall) Barrier, and big brother, Kimber Barrier, on June 27, 1944. She was born on the family farm, just west of Labette, one of five generations to be raised there. She graduated from Pleasanton High School and later earned an Associate's degree from Pittsburg State. Very soon after, she moved to Colorado, where she charmed her future husband, Carrol Rainwater, at an office water fountain — a spell that would last for 59 years, until Carrol's passing in 2024. Carrol and Paddy married on July 10, 1965, and, while in Colorado, were blessed with their only son, Jeffrey Olen, in March 1970. In 1974, the young family moved to northwest Arkansas, where they spent the rest of their lives together.

In addition to raising her son with the help of her mother, Helen, Paddy worked for the First United Methodist Church of Prairie Grove, Carrol's real estate office, Mount Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center, and ran a successful laundry business in Fayetteville. She was a sister of the CQ chapter of PEO and was also very active in her church, Prairie Grove FUMC. Paddy loved to sew and scrapbook, especially if it was for her granddaughter, Emma, who was the absolute joy of her life!

Paddy is preceded in death by her husband, Carrol; her parents, Max and Helen; and her brother, Kimber. She is survived by her son, Jeff (Laura), her granddaughter Emma, her sister-in-law, Patricia Barrier, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Paddy's family extends a special thank you to the "girls" who took care of both Paddy and Carrol over the last few years and who became like family: Susan, Kim, Cindy, Ariel, Taylor, Victoria, and Marti.

#### APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

**Luginbuel Funeral Home**  
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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# *Celebrating*

## *THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF*



# Paroda Ann

# "Paddy"

# Rainwater

June 27, 1944  
September 30, 2025

## MOTHER'S LOVE

God surely knew the world would need

A gentle loving touch,

When He created mother love

That warms our hearts so much.

He must have known that children

Would need a guiding hand,

Someone who'd always be there

To care and understand.

God must have known our

hearts would need

A special kind of cheer

When He endowed a mother's face

With smiles that would endear.

Of all the gifts that God does send

From His heavenly realm above,

There is none that is more precious

Than that of mother's love.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Paroda Ann "Paddy" Rainwater

### DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Friday, October 24, 2025 - 1:00 P.M.

Prairie Grove First United Methodist Church

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

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Prelude Family Memories Video

Greeting and Introductions Rev. Judy Hall

Opening Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer" Charlotte Moore

Words From the Family Rev. Jeff Rainwater

Scripture and Eulogy/Sermon Rev. Judy Hall

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Congregational  
Song Leader - Gene Alexander

Closing Prayer Rev. Judy Hall

Benediction

Postlude Music Pianist - Paul Turney

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### MEMORIALS

Prairie Grove First United Methodist Church

or

Washington Regional Hospice

### FINAL RESTING PLACE

Hall Cemetery

Natural Dam, Arkansas

## TWENTY THIRD PSALM

The LORD is my Shepherd;  
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in  
green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside  
the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for  
His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for Thou art with me:  
Thy rod and Thy staff  
they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table  
before me in the presence  
of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and  
mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.